

Ringling Family Papers, 1928-1943 (MSS 41)

Collection Overview

This collection documents legal proceedings between Emily Buck Ringling and members of the Ringling family during and after her divorce from John Ringling in 1935.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Ringling Family Papers

Dates: 1928-1943

Creator:

Donor:

Extent: 1.5 linear feet

Language: English

Repository: Sarasota County History Center

Arrangement: By subject

Administrative Information

Accession Number:

Access Restrictions: No restrictions

Use Restrictions: No restrictions

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Historical Note

John Ringling (1866-1936) is well-known for bringing the circus to Sarasota County, as well as for his work in real estate development and the arts. Ringling moved his circus' winter quarters to Sarasota in 1927 and built a lavish home on Sarasota Bay, which he called Ca'd'Zan, meaning "House of John" in the Venetian dialect of Italian. Married to Mable Burton Ringling (1875-1929), John Ringling spent many years in Sarasota settling into his new home, building up his wealth, and developing various sections of the keys along Sarasota Bay. After Mable's death in 1929, Ringling met Emily Haag Buck (1897-1970) and the two were married in December 1930. The couple divorced in 1935, less than one year before John Ringling's death. Emily Hagg Buck Ringling brought legal proceedings against the estate and relatives of

her deceased husband (particularly John Ringling North and Ida Ringling North) for several years into the early 1940s.

Box List

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1	Bound Volume	Legal Records – Emily Ringling v. John Ringling North and Ida Ringling North, 1935-1937
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	2	Bills for Divorce – John Ringling v. Emily Ringling, 1935
	3	Bills for Divorce – John Ringling v. Emily Ringling, 1935
2	4	Financial Statements – John Ringling North, 1928-1940
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	9	Legal Records – Williford & Kirk v. John Ringling Estate, 1943
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	13	Legal Records – John Ringling v. Emily Ringling, 1935
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